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SUBJECT: COST AND IMPLEMENTATION OF UNHCR ASSISTANCE TO INDOCHINA  
REFUGEES IN THAILAND

REF: STATE 185267

1. MISOFF DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WITH UNHCR.

2. UNHCR'S BEST ESTIMATES INDICATE PRESENCE IN THAILAND OF  
2,000 VIETNAMESE, 6,800 CAMBODIANS, 38,000 LAOTIANS (LATTER  
INCLUDING 2,500 THAI-DAM, 800 ETHNIC LAO AND THE REST MEOS).

3. INITIAL BUDGET IN AGREEMENT WITH RTG FOR \$3.1 MILLION IS  
FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE PENDING DURABLE SOLUTIONS. UNHCR  
CONSIDERS THIS SUM AS PUMP-PRIMING OPERATION. BASIC RATION IS  
ESTIMATED AT 50 CENTS PER DAY PER PERSON. THAIS MAINTAIN  
POSITION PUBLICLY THAT THERE BE NO DURABLE SETTLEMENT BUT HAVE  
EARMARKED ONE-THIRD OF CONTRACT FUNDS FOR DURABLE SHELTER.  
UNHCR'S OPERATING ARM IN THAILAND WILL BE "SUPERVISING  
BOARD OF THE OPERATIONS CENTER FOR DISPLACED PERSONS"  
HEADED BY A DEPUTY INTERIOR MINISTER AND STAFFED MOSTLY WITH  
INTERIOR PERSONNEL. UNHCR INTENDS MAINTAIN CLOSE SUPERVISION  
OVER ALL OPERATIONS AND PROCUREMENT AND IS INCREASING STAFF  
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IN THAILAND TO 10 PROFESSIONALS AND 12 LOCALS.

4. UNHCR ESTIMATES THAT RTG CONTRIBUTES MORE THAN 40 PERCENT OF TOTAL REQUIREMENT IN LAND, FACILITIES, STAFF AND SERVICES. UNHCR HAS ALSO RECEIVED \$4 MILLION AGAINST MAY 8 APPEAL, OF WHICH OFFICE HAS COMMITTED OR EARMARKED \$3.2 MILLION IN THAILAND, \$150,000 IN SINGAPORE, \$300,000 IN MALAYSIA AND \$300,000 RESERVED FOR TRANSPORT COSTS THROUGH ICEM.

5. UNHCR EXPECTS THAT MAJORITY OF REFUGEES WILL REMAIN IN THAILAND FOR LONG PERIOD. RTG HAS RECOGNIZED THAT MOST AID TO DATE WENT TO VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS, AND THAT LAO AND MEOS HAD BEEN NEGLECTED BUT HAS NOW PROMISED TO CORRECT THIS DEFICIENCY.

6. MORE DETAILED BUDGET DATA BEYOND \$3.1 MILLION PROGRAM NOW BEING DEVELOPED BY UNHCR AND PROMISED TO BE AVAILABLE WITHIN FEW DAYS. WILL REPORT ASAP.DALE

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